QTY. IN LAKH MTS C & F
VALUE IN RS. CRORES

COMMODITY	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	QTY.	C&F VALUE	QTY.	C&F VALUE	QTY.	C&F VALUE
Urea (on Govt. account)	27.83	1030.43	28.70	1603.62	37.82	2840.13
MOP.	*14.28	NA	*18.48	NA	*21.92	NA
DAP	*15.69	NA	*8.25	NA	*14.06	NA

* As the quantities of these fertilisers include quantities imported by private parties also, their value is not known. The quantities are based on the information available with the Department.

(c) and (d) Prior to the decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers in 1992-93, import of. all fertilizers were canalised and made on Government account. Following recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Fertiliser pricing, phosphatic and potassic fertilizers (including DAP and MOP) were decontrolled w.e.f. 25.08.92 and their imports were decanalised w.e.f. 17.09.92 and 17.09.93, respectively. The decanalisation was effected to reduce the subsidy burden on the exchequer. The recent urea scam is not attributable to difference in the imports of canalised and decanalised itams under the Export-Import Policy.

Demand for Setting-up of Central Universities

*494. SHRI N. G1RI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for setting-up of Central Universities in some States and conversion of some existing universities into Central Universities;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government on each of these demands?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) There have been numerous demands from various quarters for setting up of Central Universities and conversion of existing State Universities into Central Universities. However, no demand has been received from any State Government for conversion of any State University into Central Univesity in the recent past.

The National Policy on Education — 1986, with modifications undertaken in 1992, states that, in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions.

Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Gujarat

*4%. SHRI AHMED PATEL: WiU the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing an